

## Sunday—September 14th—2 PM

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### TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It's that time again. Doesn't time fly? Those of you that get this little newsletter by "snail mail" will have notice the envelope that fell out and the "e-newsletter" folks will get your renewal envelope in the mail by itself.

Membership in the Society and our Chapter continues to decline, which means less money for the Society to provide all of the services it does to promote the world of rhododendrons—educational materials, grants for gardens and research, our great web site that is among the top 10 gardening site in the world, and our ARS Journal.

There are 2 ways you can help. First, RENEW! Your dues are the largest single item of income for the ARS. Second, consider upgrading your membership. If you and your spouse both participate in and enjoy social aspects of the Society, and if you have an individual membership, upgrade to a family membership. If you already are a family member, consider upgrading to Sustaining or Sponsoring class of membership.

Make sure and renew early, since all renewal have to be into the HQ office by November 15th in order for you to get your Winter ARS Journal.

*Editor*

### SEPTEMBER MEETING—BBQ/PICNIC!

It's time to kick off a new meeting season with another potluck/picnic/BBQ.

**Please note the location and the time above!**

This year Randy Jones will return with his delicious pulled port, and I will take over the BBQ duties for fixing the salmon. The rest of you should bring whatever side dishes or desserts you would like to share. Also, please bring your own beverages and table service. Coffee and tea will be provided.



What if you threw a party and no one came?

Photo: Bob George

How do you get to **David's**? Good question! The address is above and a phone number if you get lost. Here are the directions:

To become a member of the *Cascade Chapter of the ARS*, send dues to:  
Bob George, 3030 E Beaver LK DR SE; SAMMAMISH, WA 98075 - 425-391-2366  
\$35.00 Annual Membership fee or \$8.00 for Associate Membership if already a member of another ARS Chapter.

- Go north on the Woodinville-Redmond Road (Route 202)
- At NE 145th Street, (the Old Hollywood School House), turn right (east). (FYI: turning left takes you to the Chateau St Michelle Winery)
- Go up to the hill on NE 145th; at the fork in the road, go left, under the pipeline.
- Follow the double yellow lines as the road curves to NE 160th Street (about one mile).
- At NE 160th Street, turn left (west), and go to the end of the road - 154th Ave NE.
- At 154th Ave NE, turn right (north), go about 100 yards, and turn left onto NE 163rd Street.
- At the end of the one block long street, you will find our house blocking the end of the road.
- Park. If necessary, and it is NOT raining, park in the driveway on the flat surface for disengaging from one's vehicle. No motorcycles, please.



But they did come and ate hardily.  
Photo: Bob George

We will not have a program, but we will have a cutting exchange. If you have cuttings that you like to share ... or seeds ... bring them along. Then you can take home something that you have always wanted.

*Don Smart, Editor*

### JUNE MEETING

Once again we had our annual potluck and awards meeting at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. We had hoped for a nice warm sunny day, but ... well, we are not even having those in August!!! So, we set up everything up in the visitor's center. It was cozy, but everyone had room to eat and there was plenty of good food.

We had our election and here are our 2008—2009 officers and directors:

President: **Don Smart**, Vice President: **Randy Jones**, Secretary: **Dianna Davis**, Treasurer: **Bob George**, New Directors: **David Doherty** and **Bob McKinney** and

Continuing Directors: **Charlene Jones** and **David Sherbrooke**. **Warren Timmons III** moves to Past President.

I'd really like to thank **Warren** for his job as president this past year and **Diane Timmons** for her 3 terms as chapter Secretary. You both did a great job.

*Don Smart, Editor*

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again you have given me the job as Chapter President. Should I say thanks? I do thank you for the trust you have placed in me and your Board to guide our little group and we will try to do just that. But we do need your help to make the Cascade Chapter successful.

I'm really excited that we have 2 new people on our Board this year. **Dianna Davis** had been a member of the ARS a number of years ago, but then left for a while and returned to the fold in Cascade a couple years ago. Now she has stepped forward and accepted the position as your new Secretary. Another new board members is **David Doherty**. He has been a member for several years and has been getting more involved every year, and has now stepped up to help guide the chapter.

You've already read my soap box rant about renewal and the importance to the Society as a whole, but there is more than just dues that make a great chapter. People make a great chapter. You!

You are the ones that can help us succeed. In my other job of ARS Western VP, I get to see a what goes on in rest of the Society. I see concerns about some chapters failing, dropping below the minimum of 12 members and disbanding. Sometimes they will join with a neighboring chapter, but not always. I see a chapter that has more members on their roster than Cascade , but is considering disbanding because no one wants to serve as an officer or board member. That's really sad to me, because if you're going to be a member of anything, you should be involved.

And I'd really like to see more of you involved in our chapter. Come to the meetings; send us ideas of what you'd like to see in programs; what you like or don't like about the meetings; what you like or don't like about this newsletter. The board can guide the chapter, but unless we hear from you, it only goes where 8 people think it should go. Help us out.

Now I promise that's the longest rant you will see for the rest of the year. Let's get on to more fun things.

See you at the BBQ!

*Don Smart, President*

### TREAT TIME!

We will all be bringing "treats" in September, but it will be time to start planning for future meetings. I'm sure Coleen George will have a sign-up sheet for upcoming meetings.

*Editor*



Dianna Davis, our new Secretary  
Photo by Bob George

### FURTHER ADVENTURES OF THE LITTLE GARDEN

September! The month that starts with a three day celebration. Traditionally it rains all three days, followed by several days of sunshine. We seem to be setting the stage. But let us talk of more pleasant things.

The little garden had a border of about 15, 12" pots planted each with about 6 narcissus, and then over planted with pansies of various colors. During the summer I received a gift of a large quantity of 13" pots. The number of pots now totals 33, and the variety has increased. The border now contains asters, lilies, chrysanthemums, and a rose. The largest increase in pots is 12 each rhododendrons. The list is camplyogynum (Hicks), gordoner#6, groenlandicum, hippophacoides, impeditum, john's soft peach, mission bells, molle comumsc, song bird, squirrel, Whitney's late orange, and wizard. This planting has mostly eliminated the plants waiting for room.

This fall there will be more room. At the west end of the little garden is a depressed area, about eight feet long, and wide, and 3 to 4 ft deep. I have enough fill to bring that area up to where it is about the same level as the garden. This depression meets higher ground for about 15 ft, and should give the garden a lot more room. Wish me luck.

*Bob McKinney*

### ARS 2009 CONVENTION UPDATE

Plans for the convention next spring are moving ahead smoothly. The dates for the convention are April 30 through May 3, 2009. I will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Everett. There is a great committee working on all aspects and they will be needing volunteer help as we get closer. Jobs like plants sales, greeters, open gardens, and tours hosts, gift shop clerks, etc. You'll hear more about this in future months.

Here is the logo for the convention:



*Don Smart, Convention Chairman*

### PLANT SALES!

There are always plants sales to get us buying in the Spring, but here are couple this fall.

Saturday—September 20—9AM to 2PM

Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden 2008 Fall Plant Sale Fundraiser. For more information call 253-661-9377 or go to [www.rhodygarden.org](http://www.rhodygarden.org).

Saturday & Sunday—October 4 - 5—9AM to 4PM

Meerkerk Gardens. Bring your truck, your neighbors...and your checkbook.

*Editor*

### MARCO PHOTOGRAPHY

Some of you know **Don Kohlenberger** on Whidbey Island. He raises quite a few species rhododendrons from seed and has been very involved in the creation



Rhododendron falconeri ssp. Falconeri  
Photo by Don Kohlenberger  
of the "Big Leaf Valley" at Meerkerk Gardens. Here's an example of the leaves on one plant that he has raised.  
*Editor*

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**Welcome back!  
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**BOARD MEETINGS:**

Board Meetings are usually held on the **Monday following our Chapter Meeting** at Bob and Coleen George's house. Any member is welcome at the Board Meeting. If you have an idea or agenda item that you believe the Board should consider, please call Don Smart 425-333-6178 . Or just come and see what goes on behind the scenes.

**CASCADE CHAPTER 2007-2008 CALENDAR**

**YEAR MONTH - DAY EVENT**

2008	Sept 14	Cascade's annual picnic and fall kick-off at David and Kathy Hughes' garden
2008	Sept 24-28	ARS Fall Regional Conference—Hilo, Hawaii
2008	Oct 14	Cascade Chapter meeting—Gary Beck—Development and plans for Homestead Park in University Place, WA.